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AFTER 10:30 TOMORROW.

23 June 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Andrew T. Falkiewicz  
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Meeting with National News Council

Our meeting with representatives of the National News Council will take place at 10:30 tomorrow, 24 June in my office.

Participants for the Council will be:

R. Peter Strauss, president and general manager of Strauss Communications, Inc., radio station WMCA, New York;

✓ William A. Rusher, publisher of the National Review;

✓ Ned Schnurman, associate director of the Council.

Aside from myself, [redacted] will sit in for the Agency.

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Negotiations to set time, date and venue, and to establish individual participation and areas of discussion have been handled throughout between Dennis and Mr. Schnurman. Dennis reports that Schnurman has been extremely courteous and accommodating.

I sent you a note with the question areas yesterday. Briefly, they are:

1. What has been done to implement your 11 February statement?
2. Does your new policy include people other than journalists, i.e. media executives?
3. Under your policy, will it still be possible in some way that media people are employed or used by CIA in the future?

4. Will you give the names of media people who have cooperated in the past to their employers on request?

5. What is Agency policy on the use of journalism cover by Agency people?

6. What are we doing to prevent domestic fallout from material placed by us in foreign media?

I will be meeting with [redacted] this afternoon to discuss our responses. Basically, we intend to be forthcoming in clarification, but firm on the parameters of your announced policy. They should come away with a better understanding of your willingness to impose voluntary limitations on the Agency's legitimate activities in order to protect freedom of the press (actual or perceived).

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It would be useful if you could stop by to greet the visitors as soon as possible after they get here (we would notify you). They understand that you cannot meet with them to answer questions yourself and they have not complained about it, but your courtesy would be interpreted as an important sign of goodwill.

We have little doubt that the Council intends to use this meeting for publicity for itself. They already have done so. It is a fairly new and small group without a direct power base, and I think they try to influence by publicity.

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Andrew T. Falkiewicz

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